



SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER

IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT NEVADA

Expanding Highways, Relieving Congestion, and Investing in Mass Transit



Throughout his career, Senator Reid has worked to direct Nevadans' hard earned federal tax dollars back to local communities to jump start transportation projects. The infusion of these federal funds will supplement state and local funds so that projects can be completed earlier.

Because of Senator Reid, Nevadans can see improvements in their daily lives. From reducing commuting time to improving safety on Nevada's roads, Senator Reid is delivering valuable funding to our state. This funding strengthens our state's infrastructure and creates good-paying jobs.

In fact, more than 30,000 jobs are created for every \$1 billion spent on transportation and infrastructure projects. Using these statistics, Senator Reid has helped created 90,000 transportation jobs in Nevada since the year 2000.

Senator Reid Secured More Than \$3 Billion for Nevada Transportation Projects Since 2000.

In 2000, Nevada received \$152.2 million in federal transportation assistance and by 2009 our state had received \$344.9 million. As a result of Senator Reid's work on federal highway bills, Nevada has seen a 126% increase in federal transportation spending over this time period. Senator Reid has worked to improve federal highway funding formulas and secure earmarks for Nevada transportation projects. In Southern Nevada, Senator Reid has worked to relieve congestion on I-15 and increase capacity by widening lanes. He has also directed funding to build out interchanges on the Clark County Beltway and increased federal support for mass transit initiatives, including the new CityCenter Intermodal Center. [NDOT Statistics, Federal Aid Summary - \$2.2 billion since FY00; P.L. 111-5; P.L. 111-8; P.L. 110-161; P.L. 109-115; P.L. 108-447; P.L. 108-199; P.L. 108-7; P.L. 107-87; P.L. 106-346; P.L. 106-69]

Senator Reid Secured \$250 Million for Nevada Transportation Projects in the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act).

During one of the worst economic crises facing our nation, Senator Reid led the fight to secure valuable transportation dollars for Nevada and put people back to work. In Northern Nevada, Recovery Act funding will finish the Meadowood Interchange on I-395 to improve access to the Meadowood Mall, which is consistently congested with traffic. In Southern Nevada, Recovery Act funding has helped repave portions of US95 and conduct maintenance on I-15. Nearly \$48 million in Recovery Act funds will fund the construction of dedicated lanes for the Boulder Highway Bus Rapid Transit program. [P.L. 111-5; Meadowood: RGJ.com Meadowood Interchange Approved, 8/29/09; Southern Nevada Projects from NDOT project list]

HIGHLIGHTS OF SENATOR REID'S RECORD ON TRANSPORTATION

- ★ Senator Reid Secured More Than \$3 Billion for Nevada Transportation Projects Since 2000
- ★ Senator Reid Secured \$250 Million for Nevada Transportation Projects in the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act)
- ★ Senator Reid Earmarked Nearly \$120 Million for Nevada Mass Transit Projects Since 2000
- ★ Senator Reid Has Allocated Millions to Expand Nevada's Roads and Reduce Congestion
- ★ Senator Reid Improved Safety at Nevada's Airports, Including Securing Funding for New Control Towers at the Las Vegas and Reno Airports
- ★ Senator Reid Changed Outdated Federal Highway Formulas to Account for Nevada's Tourists, Bringing More Federal Funding Back to Nevada

Senator Reid Earmarked Nearly \$120 Million for Mass Transit Projects Since 2000. Working closely with the Regional Transportation Commissions (RTCs) in Northern and Southern Nevada, Senator Reid has funded improvements to transit centers and bus equipment. Not only do mass transit systems help reduce pollution and congestion, but they are also good sources of job creation. In Southern Nevada, Senator Reid worked to direct funding to build the Bonneville Transportation Center which helps serve the Strip and our resorts. Senator Reid also worked to direct funding to replace buses in Lake Tahoe and fund bus rapid transit on Virginia Street in Reno. [P.L. 111-8; P.L. 110-161; P.L. 109-115; P.L. 108-447; P.L. 108-199; P.L. 108-7; P.L. 107-87; P.L. 106-346; P.L. 106-69; NDOT Mass Transit Estimate 2000-2009]

Senator Reid Has Allocated Millions to Expand Nevada's Roads and Reduce Congestion. According to the most recent statistics, nearly 44% of Nevada's urban highways were congested. Senator Reid understands that delays impede commerce and waste hundreds of thousands of gallons of gas each year. That is why Senator Reid has worked to direct funding to all of NDOT's 10 high priority projects in congested corridors, including I-15 and I-80. In Southern Nevada, Senator Reid has secured more than \$83 million in expanding I-15 since 2000. During that same period Senator Reid has directed \$42.5 million towards I-80 in Northern Nevada. These investments have expanded capacity to reduce congestion and made important safety improvements. [Congestion, USDOT, Federal Highway Administration Statistics, 2004; NDOT 2006 Report, Long Range Projects State of Nevada, 2008-2015; P.L. 111-8; P.L. 110-161; P.L. 109-115; P.L. 108-447; P.L. 108-199; P.L. 108-7; P.L. 107-87; P.L. 106-346; P.L. 106-69; P.L. 105-59]

- ***Senator Reid Secured \$45 Million for the McCarran Airport Connector to Relieve Congestion on the 215 Beltway.*** In 2005, Senator Reid secured \$45 million for the MagLev rail from California to Nevada. After more than 20 years without any progress to show the taxpayers, Senator Reid reallocated the MagLev funds to the NV Department of Transportation (NDOT) to put more Nevadans to work immediately. NDOT plans to use the funds to widen the airport connector at McCarran and 215. This is one of the most congested areas of Southern Nevada, and the top priority for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada. The project will widen the beltway from 6 to 8 lanes between Las Vegas Boulevard and Windmill Lanes to reduce travel time through the airport bypass. The construction is estimated to create 1,450 full time jobs for two years according to the RTC. [P.L. 111-147; Las Vegas Sun, 03/17/10]

Senator Reid Improved Safety at Nevada's Airports, Including Securing Funding for New Control Towers at the Las Vegas and Reno Airports. Senator Reid has helped deliver \$104 million to Nevada's airports since 2000. Funding has paid for a variety of safety improvements at our airports, including installing wind hazard detection equipment at McCarran and equipping the Reno-Tahoe Airport with an Instrument Landing System for inclement weather. Senator Reid also delivered \$33 million to Reno-Tahoe and nearly \$21 million to McCarran International for purchasing new air traffic control towers. [P.L. 111-8; P.L. 110-161; P.L. 109-115; P.L. 108-447; P.L. 108-199; P.L. 108-7; P.L. 107-87; P.L. 106-346; P.L. 106-69]

Senator Reid Changed Outdated Federal Highway Formulas to Account for Nevada's Tourists, Bringing More Federal Funding Back To Nevada. Every four years, Congress passes a highway bill to fund valuable infrastructure investments across our nation. Most of the funding contained in the highway bill is formula funding, and Nevada was receiving less than other states, despite being one of the fastest growing states. Senator Reid worked to include a provision in the 2005 Highway Bill to account for tourists and other transient populations. This resulted in an increase of more than 30% in highway funding and a 152% increase in public transit funding over 1998 levels. [P.L. 109-59]

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